

LAFAYETTE S JAMERSON et al, No C-01-4336 VRW
Plaintiffs, ORDER
v
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
et al,
Defendants.

Pursuant to the court's order following the February 8, 2005, case management conference, Doc #31 (minutes), defendant City and County of San Francisco filed a motion for summary judgment, Doc #33, noticed for hearing on May 26, 2005. Pursuant to Civ L R 7-3(a), plaintiffs were to file their oppositions not later than May 5, 2005. Plaintiffs filed no oppositions and the court issued an order to show cause why defendant's motion for summary judgment should not be treated as unopposed. Doc #35.

Plaintiffs each proceed pro se. Only plaintiff Lafayette Jamerson ("Jamerson") responded to the court's order to show cause; he cites a variety of extenuating circumstances to excuse his

1 failure to oppose defendant's motion in a timely fashion. Doc #36.
2 In light of the strong policy favoring the resolution of litigation
3 on the merits, the order to show cause is DISCHARGED and the court
4 will extend the time to oppose defendant's motion. Although
5 Jamerson was the only plaintiff to respond to the court's order to
6 show cause -- despite the court's admonition that plaintiffs
7 proceeding pro se must each respond -- the court will, in the
8 interest of uniformity, extend the time for all plaintiffs to
9 respond to defendant's motion. The court admonishes plaintiffs
10 that, as Jamerson is not an attorney and cannot represent them,
11 plaintiffs must each personally sign any papers filed with the
12 court. See Civ L R 3-9(a).

13 Accordingly, the order to show cause (Doc #35) is
14 DISCHARGED and the court sets the following schedule: Plaintiffs
15 shall file their oppositions to defendant's motion for summary
16 judgment on or before June 9, 2005. Defendant may file a reply on
17 or before June 23, 2005, upon which the matter will be deemed
18 submitted and the court will issue a decision on the papers without
19 a hearing. Failure to file an opposition will result in
20 defendant's motion being treated as unopposed. No further
21 extensions of time will be forthcoming.

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23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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26 VAUGHN R WALKER

27 United States District Chief Judge
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